



NEWS RELEASE  
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge, sentenced Jobita Avery to 11 years and three months in prison for conspiring to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine in the Lincoln area. On February 2, 2010, a federal jury returned guilty verdicts against Jobita Avery and her brother, Jaktine Moore, for conspiring the distribute the drugs.

Evidence presented at trial established that Moore and Avery were involved in distributing crack cocaine in the Lincoln area from 2005 through 2008. Cocaine was also a part of the conspiracy, both as a product being sold and as the base used to manufacture the crack that was being distributed throughout Lincoln. Avery was also ordered to serve five years on supervised release following completion of her prison sentence.

**Name of Defendant:** Jobita Willetta Avery

**AKA:**

**Age:** 34

**City of residence:** Lincoln

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty)

Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack and 500 grams or more of cocaine

10 years to life, up to \$4,000,000 fine

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:**

**Location of Arrest:** Lincoln

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** both were found guilty of over 50 grams of crack cocaine, Avery was found guilty of less than 500 grams cocaine

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** Jonair Moore (aka Spade)

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** April 1, 2005 through October 31, 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** July 28, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** July 21, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** July 29, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** trial January 25, 2010

**Sentencing Date:** April 29, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** sentencing

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Cheryl Zwart

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** released on conditions

**In Continuous Custody Since:**

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Richard G. Kopf

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** JML